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DEAR JOE,
PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE **SHIELD G-MAN CLUB.** I AM ENCLOSING THIS COUPON TOGETHER WITH TEN CENTS TO COVER THE COSTS OF HANDLING AND MAILING MY BADGE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD.

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CUT ON THIS LINE

BULLETIN #6

In these grim times we all feel the need for something to laugh at. Something that will take our minds off the troublesome things going on all about us. That is why we put a feature like ARCHIE in this issue of PEP COMICS.

No fooling, gang, ARCHIE really is a rib-tickler. Don't take my word for it. Just turn the pages of this book to ARCHIE -- and then when you stop laughing sit down and write me a letter about it.

And now for our regular monthly discussion. Remember I asked you to write me your reaction on Phyllis Barber's idea of the pen pal page. Whew! Your letters are coming in so thick and fast that I haven't gone through all of them yet. But keep those pens and pencils going. It is a real pleasure to read them. Remember I want you to keep sending me any idea or suggestion you might have.

Memo to Joseph Klibanow. About my pal the BLACK HOOD, while I regret that he doesn't appear in a book of his own, you will find him in JACKPOT COMICS. He asks me to give his sincere thanks for your gratifying interest.

And so, so long and happy reading until next month.

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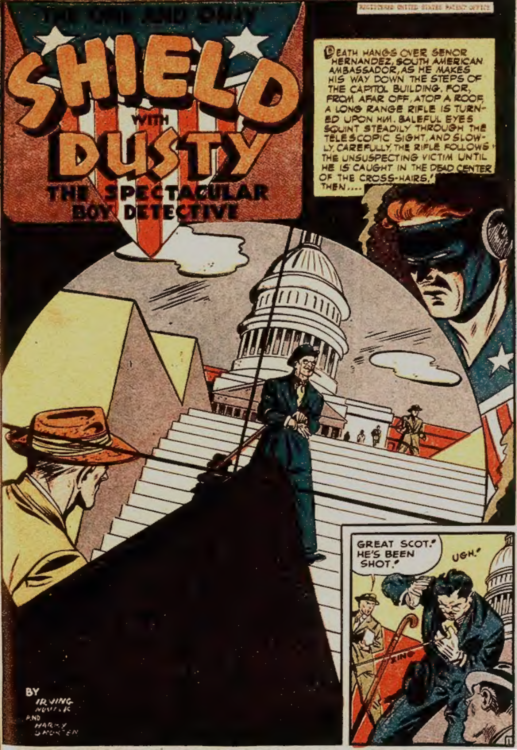
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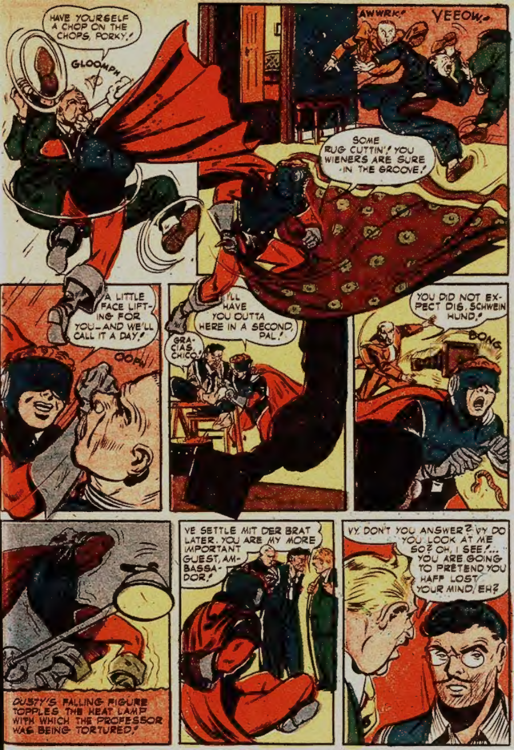
SHIELD
WITH
DUSTY
THE SPECTACULAR BOY DETECTIVE
DEATH HANGS OVER SENOR HERNANDEZ, SOUTH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, AS HE MAKES HIS WAY DOWN THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING. FOR, FROM AFAR OFF, ATOP A ROOF, A LONG RANGE RIFLE IS TURNED UPON HIM. BALEFUL EYES SQUINT STEADILY THROUGH THE TELESCOPIC SIGHT, AND SLOWLY, CAREFULLY, THE RIFLE FOLLOWS THE UNSUSPECTING VICTIM UNTIL HE IS CAUGHT IN THE DEAD CENTER OF THE CROSS-HAIRS! THEN....
BY
IRVING
AND
GREAT SCOT! HE'S BEEN SHOT!
UGH!
ZING

THE SHIELD AND THE SPECTACULAR BOY DETECTIVE, WHO HAVE BEEN WITNESSES TO THE GRIM TABLEAU, SWING INTO QUICK ACTION....
I'M GOING AFTER THE KILLER. YOU GO SEE HOW THAT FELLOW IS, DUSTY!
OKAY, SHIELD!
STAND BACK EVERYBODY! GIVE HIM AIR!
B..BEND DOWN.. LAD! MUST TELL YOU SOMETHING!
TW.. TWENTY THREE NORTH STREET... TWENTY THREE N... N... AAA!
A DOCTOR ARRIVES ON THE SCENE...
HE'S DEAD!
POOR DUCK! HE NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO FINISH WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO SAY!... I THINK I'LL HAVE A LOOK AT TWENTY THREE NORTH STREET WHILE THE SHIELD IS BUSY!
MEANWHILE THE SHIELD STREAKING WITH EXPRESS-TRAIN RAPIDITY ARRIVES AT THE SOURCE OF THE SHOOTING-ALMOST BEFORE THE LAST PUFF OF SMOKE HAS DISAPPEARED
SEEMS LIKE I GOT HERE IN TIME!
BLANKETY BLANK!... THE SHIELD!
OR IS IT TOO SOON FOR YOU?

THE SHIELD RIPS THE LADDER FROM ITS FASTENINGS!
DID YOU EVER SEE A ROACH FLY?
OOWAAH!
WELL WATCH!
SEE?
GET THIS WAGON ROL-LIN', TONY. THE SHIELD'S GOT THE GOON!
HMM! SEEMS LIKE YOUR BUDDIES DE-CIDED NOT TO WAIT FOR YOU, EH? WELL, I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT THAT!
HOW'S THIS FOR AN EMERGENCY BRAKE?
HELLO, BOYS. THE PARTY'S OVER BUT YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR THE DESSERT!
A LITTLE LATER, IN A POLICE RADIO CAR.....
CAR 7... CAR 7... GO TO MAIN AND CHESTER STREETS IMMEDIATELY. A MASSACRE IS RE-PORTED THERE! HURRY!!
POLICE
WOW! MASSACRE IS RIGHT!

THESE GUYS JUST MURDERED AMBASSADOR HERNANDEZ. I DON'T THINK YOU'LL HAVE MUCH TROUBLE GETTING THEM TO CONFESS!
IF THEY'RE ABLE TO TALK, YOU MEAN!
MEANWHILE, DUSTY ARRIVES AT 23 NORTH STREET...
THERE'S ONLY ONE ROOM LIT IN THE JOINT!
I'M GONNA HAVE ME A LOOK-SEE!
HOLY JOE! MUST BE SEEIN' THINGS! BUT THAT GUY LOOKS JUST LIKE THE ONE I JUST SAW KILLED!
NOW PERHAPS YOU VILL BE SENSIBLE HERR HERNANDEZ UND TELL US VOT VAS IN DER TREATY YOU SIGNED!
NEVER!
YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS OUTRAGE! THE POLICE WILL SOON DETECT MY ABSENCE, AND THEN...
OH NO THEY VON'T! THE POLICE THINK YOU'RE DEAD!
YOU SEE, VE TOOK DE PRECAUTION OF HIRING SOMEBODY TO IMPERSONATE YOU...UND DEN VE KILLED HIM! NOW VE CAN HAFF PLENTY OF LEISURE TIME TO MAKE YOUR STAY VID US A VERY "PLEASANT" VUN_ UNTIL YOU TELL US ABOUT DER TREATY!
BOY, I'VE HEARD ENOUGH!
VASS IST!


HAVE YOURSELF A CHOP ON THE CHOPS, PORKY!
GLOOMPH
AWWRK!
YEEOW!
SOME RUG CUTTIN'! YOU WIENERS ARE SURE IN THE GROOVE!
A LITTLE FACE LIFTING FOR YOU—AND WE'LL CALL IT A DAY!
OOPH
I'LL HAVE YOU OUTTA HERE IN A SECOND, PAL!
GRACIAS, CHICO!
YOU DID NOT EXPECT DIS, SCHWEIN HUND!
BONG
DUSTY'S FALLING FIGURE TOPPLES THE HEAT LAMP WITH WHICH THE PROFESSOR WAS BEING TORTURED!
VE SETTLE MIT DER BRAT LATER. YOU ARE MY MORE IMPORTANT GUEST, AMBASSADOR!
VY DON'T YOU ANSWER? VY DO YOU LOOK AT ME SO? OH, I SEE!... YOU ARE GOING TO PRETEND YOU HAFF LOST YOUR MIND, EH?

IT ISS NO GOOT! IT VILL NOT VORK! SPEAK! DER TREATY, VERDAMMTE SCHWEIN! YOU HAFF ONLY GOT A TASTE OF VOT VE VILL REALLY DO TO YOU!!
LOOK! A FIRE!
ALL RUSH TO EXTINGUISH THE MOUNTING FLAMES...
AND IN THE CONFUSION, THE AMBASSADOR WALKS OUT-- UNNOTICED!
AFTER THE FLAMES ARE EXTINGUISHED...
DER AMBASSADOR! VERE IS DER AMBASSADOR?
ACH HIMMEL! HE ISS GONE!
FOOLS! YOU LET HIM ESCAPE! QVICK, HE CANNOT HAVE GONE FAR!..YOU STAY HERE MIT DER BOY!
WHILE AT THAT MOMENT, JU JU WATSON AND MAMIE ARE OUT STROLLING...
FIFI, COME AWAY FROM THAT PUMP!
HERE, JU JU!.. YOU BETTER CARRY FIFI!
ULP!..GET THAT FLEA HOUND AWAY FROM ME, WILL YA?
SLUP SLUP

THE NEXT TIME THAT POOCH LAPS MY FACE, I'LL STRANGLE HER, SO HELP ME!
OH, DON'T BE SUCH A MEANIE, JU JU!
OOPH... HEY YOU, WHY DON'T YOU WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOIN'?
SUDDENLY....
YOU GOT THE WHOLE SIDEWALK... BUT THAT AIN'T ENOUGH ROOM FOR YA?.. I SUPPOSE YA'D LIKE ME TO WALK IN THE GUTTER, HUH? WHO DO YA THINK YOU ARE, ANYWAY?
I... I DON'T KNOW? WILL YOU PLEASE FIND OUT FOR ME?
A WISE-GUY, EH? WELL YA PICKED ON THE WRONG GUY, SEE? I'M A G MAN. I GOT A GOOD NOTION TO RUN YOU IN!
PLEASE DO! MAYBE THEY CAN HELP ME!
AW NUTS! I GIVE UP!
JU JU LOOK! HE'S NOT WEARIN' ANY SHOES!
THERE'S SOMETHIN' PHONEY ABOUT THIS! I'M GONNA TAKE HIM DOWN TO THE MISSING-PERSONS BUREAU! YOU GO HOME!
LUDWIG, SEE! IT ISS DE AMBASSADOR! VE GO OUT UND GET HIM, JA?
NO, YOU FOOL, VE MUST CAUSE AS LITTLE ATTENTION AS POSSIBLE!
PERHAPS DER AMBASSADOR VAS NOT FOOLING. HE MAY HAFF REALLY LOST HIS MEMORY TEMPORARILY. IF SO, VE VILL HAFF NO TROUBLE!
IT ISS A GREAT RISK, BUT VE MUST TAKE IT!

ACH, MY OLD FRIEND, HANS! VOT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
DO YOU KNOW THIS GUY, MISTER?
BUT OF COURSE! HE ISS MY CLOSEST FRIEND!
THAT'S SWELL! C'MON, WE'LL TAKE 'IM HOME!
BOY, LUCKY THING YOU CAME ALONG JUST NOW, OR ..HEY, WHAT GIVES HERE?
DISS GIFFS!
BOP!
AS JU JU IS SHOVED INTO THE CAR, FIFI, WHO HAS BROKEN AWAY FROM MAMIE, COMES RUNNING UP!...
... AND DECIDES TO FOLLOW!
WHEN THE CAR REACHES ITS DESTINATION, THERE SITS FIFI CALMLY ON THE RUNNING BOARD!
GET AWAY FROM HERE YOU MUTT!
THE DOOR IS SLAMMED IN FIFI'S FACE!
WUF, WUF!

BUT UNDAUNTED F.F. RUNS TO THE REAR OF THE HOUSE
SIGHTS AN OPEN WINDOW.
BE... THAT'S F.F. JAMES'S POODLE!
SMACK!
SLUP SLUP
GRR. YOU AGAIN! GET AWAY FROM ME YOU FLEA-HOUND!
SHH... F.F. MAY BE A LIFE-SAVER. DON'T LET HER BARK!
A PIECE OF GLASS FROM A BROKEN WINDOW-PANE IN HIS HAND, DUSTY CRAWLS UP TO FIFI, AND...
SCRATCH SCRATCH
JUST THEN, THE GUARD TURNS AND SEES!....
HIYA, PAL!
YEAH, GULP, SURE NICE WEATHER WE'RE HAVIN'!
VOT GIFFS HERE?
SCRAM YOU MUTT OR I MAKES A WIENER-SCHNITZELS OUT OFF YOU!
YIP, YIP!

AT THAT MOMENT, JOE HIGGINS IS RETURNING FROM THE POLICE STATION....
WELL, THOSE KILLERS CONFESSED THEY WERE HIRED BY NAZI AGENTS TO KNOCK OFF THE AMBASSADOR. BUT
WHAT COULD THE NAZIS GAIN BY JUST KILLING A SOUTH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR? HE'D BE MORE USEFUL TO THEM ALIVE THAN DEAD!
HELLO JOE!
HIYA MAMIE. HELLO, BETTY. SAY DUSTY HERE?
NO... MY JUJUS GONE A LONG TIME TOO.
IT WAS AWFUL FUNNY, JOE. A MAN CAME UP TO US, 'N HE WUZN'T WEARIN' SHOES. HE SAID HE DON'T KNOW WHO HE WAS
GARTERS! THAT'S THE MAN JOE. NEWS SURE DOES TRAVEL FAST
NEWS
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, MAMIE... THAT FELLOW'S DEAD! HE...
WUF WUF
MY LIL FIFI! DID 'UMS GET LOST? BUT WHERE'S JUJU?
HEY! WHAT'S THAT ON FIFI'S COLLAR?

23 NORTH ST.
HERE'S SOMETHING PLENTY SCREWY GOING ON HERE! YOU SAID ... WENT TO THE MISSING PERSONS BUREAU, MAME, DON'T YOU?
HELLO, YES, THIS IS THE MISSING PERSONS BUREAU. NO, MA'AM ... WATSON HAS BEEN HERE!
JOE! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO 23 NORTH ST.! 'BYE, GALS!
WHILE AT 23 NORTH STREET—
FOR DER LAST TIME, VOT VASS IN DER TREATY?
DON'T KNOW! DON'T KNOW! WHO ARE YOU? WHO AM I?
ONCE OUTSIDE JOE SHEDS HIS CLOTHING— AND *THE SHIELD* FLASHES INTO ACTION!
HM, IT ISS NO USE! ALL OUR TORTURES HAFF NOT BEEN ABLE TO RESTORE HIS MEMORY. VELL, DERE ISS ONLY VUN THING TO DO, GET RID OF HIM UND DER OTHER TWO!
COME OUT, YOU TWO, UND NO TRICKS!
WHAT'S THIS? THEY'RE GONNA SHOOT US DOWN LIKE DOGS!

IT ISS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT I HAFF TO DISPOSE OF YOU DIS VAY-- BUT I REALLY HAFF NO CHOICE!
OOO!
BUT I HAVE!
BANG
YOU SHOULD HAFF KICKED SOONER, YOU IMP! NOW IT ISS YOUR TURN!
YOU DIRTY KILLER! IF I HAD MY HANDS LOOSE FER A MINUTE...
JUST THEN, THE SHIELD BREAKS IN...
YOU WILL, SOON, JU JU!
OR MAYBE YOU HAVE OTHER IDEAS!
FATSO IS MAKIN' A BREAK, SHIELD! LEAVE HIM FOR ME WILL YA?
OKAY, KID GO TO IT!
LOOKA PORKY GO! HE'S REALLY GOIN' PLACES, HUH SHIELD!
WELL, SO AM I!
OOF!

EASY OLD BOY! YOU'LL BE OKAY!
LET'S HEAR YOU SAY 'UGH' FAT BOY!
UGH!
THE AMBASSADOR! YOU MEAN HE ISN'T DEAD AFTER ALL, SHIELD?
THAT'S RIGHT KID! YOUR KICK SAVED HIS LIFE! THE BULLET CREASED HIS SKULL AND RESTORED HIS MEMORY!
SI! I REMEMBER EVERYTHING NOW. THEY TELL ME THEY GET SOMEBODY TO TAKE MY PLACE. THEN THEY KEEL THEES DOUBLE OF MINE SO THEY CAN TRY TO TORTURE THE CONTENTS OF THE TREATY BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS. THEY ARE VEREE CLEVER THEES GERMANS- BUT THEY MEET THOSE WHO ARE MORE CLEVER, EH SENOR SHIELD?
OKAY JU JU. YOU HANDLE 'EM FROM HERE ON
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME, KID!
HIYA, GANG! DIDJA READ ABOUT ME IN THE PAPER? HERE TAKE A GANDER!
NEWS SENTINAL
JU JU WATSON FOILS INGENIOUS NAZI PLOT
HIYA FIFI OLE GAL. I'M SO HAPPY I'M EVEN GLAD TO SEE YOU!
ARF
YA CAN LICK ME THE REST OF MY LIFE!
SLUP SLUP!
THE SHIELD, G MAN EXTRAORDINARY AND DUSTY, THE SPECTACULAR BOY DETECTIVE APPEAR ALSO IN SHIELD-WIZARD COMICS NO. 5- ON SALE AT YOUR NEWSSTANDS NOW! GET YOUR COPY IMMEDIATELY!!
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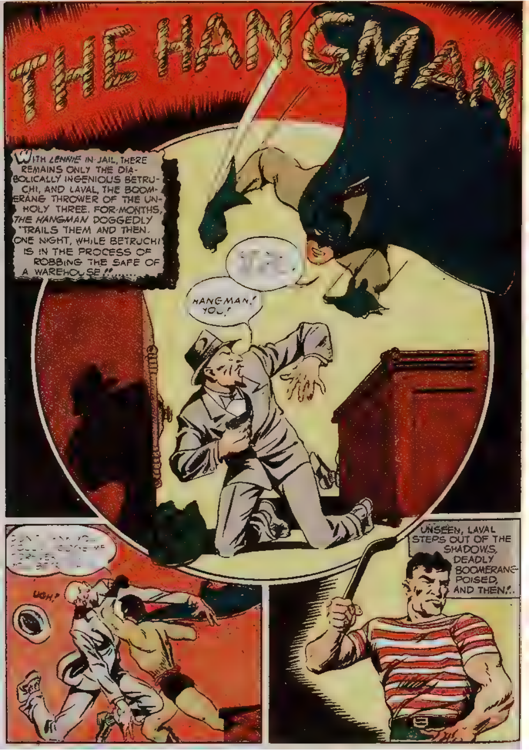

THE HANGMAN
WITH LENNIE IN JAIL, THERE REMAINS ONLY THE DIABOLICALLY INGENIOUS BETRUCHI, AND LAVAL, THE BOOMERANG THROWER OF THE UNHOLY THREE. FOR MONTHS, THE HANGMAN DOGGEDLY TRAILS THEM AND THEN, ONE NIGHT, WHILE BETRUCHI IS IN THE PROCESS OF ROBBING THE SAFE OF A WAREHOUSE!!......
HANGMAN! YOU!
UGH!
UNSEEN, LAVAL STEPS OUT OF THE SHADOWS, DEADLY BOOMERANG POISED, AND THEN!..

ZING
GOOD WORK LAVAL!
GOOD THING I WAS POSTED OUTSIDE AS A LOOKOUT! I SAW HIM CLIMBING IN THE WINDOW!
AND POOF! THE HANGMAN NEVER BOTHER US AGAIN!
FIGHTING MAY HAVE ATTRACTED ATTENTION!
BAH!
OOO! MY HEAD!.. FEELS LIKE A HOUSE FELL ON ME ONE BRICK AT A TIME!
GONE! KNOW HOW LONG BEEN OUT COLD.
BUT MAYBE CAN STILL CATCH UP WITH THEM!

WHILE AT THAT MOMENT, LENNIE'S THOUGHTS ARE ALSO OF HIS TWO FORMER COLLEAGUES...
BETRUCH AND LAVAL ARE NOT MY FRIENDS. THE HANGMAN TELL ME SO .. AND I BELIEVE HIM!
LATER THAT EVENING TWO FIGURES APPROACH THE PRISON STEALTHILY..
NEVER
BONG
ULP
WELL DONE, LAVAL!
ARE SEEN!

STAY OUT OF SIGHT AND BE READY WHEN NEED YOU!
SO FAR SO GOOD! NOW TO FIND JENNIE'S CELL!
CRAFTILY, BETRUCHI SLINKS ALONG THE CORRIDOR, UNTIL!...
HEY!
HERE'S WHY!
BETRUCHI! WHY YOU COME HERE? GOTTA KILL YOU. YOU NOT GOOD! THE HANGMAN SAY SO AND THE HANGMAN'S MY FRIEND!
YOU FOOL!
YOU
HANGMAN

LOOK AT THE RISKS I TOOK TO HELP YOU ESCAPE. NOW DO YOU BELIEVE ME?
LENNIE ALL MIXED UP! I THINK MAYBE YOU RIGHT BETRUCH. I GO WITH YOU!
THEN AS THE TWO MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE OUTER COURTYARD!
PRISONER ESCAPED! BLOW THE SIREN!
QUICK! INTO THIS TRUCK LENNIE!
THE GATE GUARD STEPS BEFORE THE HURTLING TRUCK! BUT BEFORE HE CAN BRING UP HIS RIFLE TO FIRE—
YEEOW
BETRUCH TAKES THE KEYS FROM THE DEAD GUARD!
AND HASTILY OPENS THE GATES
QUICK! HOP ON LAVAL!
YOU GOT LENNIE EH BETRUCH! SWELL!
HA! THEY'RE SENDING OUT A POLICE CAR AFTER US!
I'LL SOON FIX THAT!
EE EEEEEE
THE BOOMERANG FINDS ITS MARK WITH UNCANNY ACCURACY— THE DRIVER OF THE POLICE CAR!
SH

CRASH!
WHAT YOU WANT WITH ME? WHY YOU GET ME OUT OF JAIL BETRUCH?
ONLY BECAUSE WE LIKE YOU-- ISN'T THAT SO LAVALZ? WE'RE EVEN GOING TO TAKE YOU TO SOUTH AMERICA WITH US FOR A VACATION!
SURE! BUT FIRST WE GOTTA HIDE YOU OUT FOR AWHILE!
THE TRIO ARRIVE AT A HOUSE IN A REMOTE PART OF THE CITY.
NOW YOU STAY HERE AND WAIT FOR US LENNIE! DON'T SET FOOT OUTSIDE! WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
THE HANGMAN, BOB DICKERING IN REAL LIFE, RETURNS TO HIS APARTMENT......
STILL NO TRACE OF BETRUCH OR AVALZ!
SUDDENLY!..
GREAT SCOT! LENNIE!

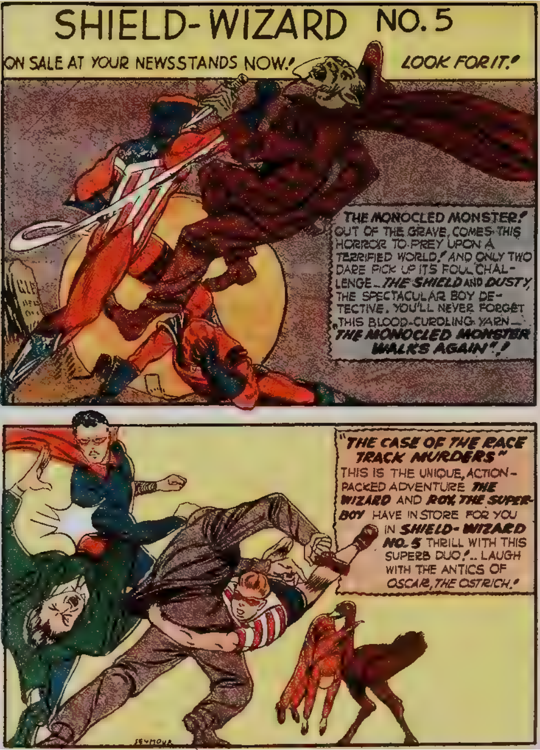
BETRUCH AND LAVAL ARE MY REAL FRIENDS. YOU WANT ME TO HANG!
LENNIE, STOP! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
OOF
I NOT MIXED UP ANYMORE! BETRUCH! EVEN GONNA TAKE ME TO SOUTH AMERICA!
DESPERATELY, THE HANGMAN TRIES TO EXPLAIN TO THE SIMPLE-MINDED LENNIE AS HE AVOIDS THE OX-LIKE BLOWS. THEN HE STUMBLES, AND—
OHOOO
NOW LENNIE GET EVEN!
YOU NOT FOOL ME ANYMORE HANGMAN!
DOWN, DOWN, THE UNCONSCIOUS FIGURE OF THE HANGMAN HURTLES TO WHAT APPEARS CERTAIN DEATH!!
CAN'T SEE HANGMAN! GUESS HE FINISHED NOW!

WHEN LENNIE RETURNS TO HIS HIDEOUT....
HERE HE COMES NOW, BETRUCHI! BLAST HIM!
SO! OUR STUPID PIGEON RETURNS TO HIS NEST!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO MOVE FOOT OUT OF THIS HOUSE, DIDN'T I? NOBODY DOUBLE-CROSSES ME AND LIVES!
LENNIE DON'T DOUBLE-CROSS YOU, BETRUCHI. I GO OUT AND KILL THE HANGMAN!
YOU TELL ME, THE HANGMAN FOOL LENNIE. LENNIE GET MAD WHEN PEOPLE FOOL HIM!
GREAT WORK LENNIE!
WELL, COME ON, LENNIE, WE GOT TO MAKE OUR BOAT!
MEANWHILE....
OOO!... MUST HAVE BEEN OUT COLD FOR SOME TIME. THAT AWNING CERTAINLY SAVED MY LIFE!
THE UNHOLY THREE ARRIVE AT THE SOUTH AMERICAN OCEAN LINER..
AND THEN, JUST AS THE MAMMOTH SHIP EMBARKS...
SOUTH AMERICA! LENNIE SAID THIS IS THE ONLY BOAT LEAVING FOR THERE TONIGHT!

IN ONE OF THE CABINS..
WELL HERR REINMANN! WE'RE READY FOR THE ER.. VACATION YOUR COUNTRY HAS FOR US
VACATION? HA HA! THAT'S GOOD!
SURE IS LENNIE. JUST TAKE IT EASY!
WELL! AM GLAD YOU BROUGHT THE BIG BLONDE VUN ALONG! HE LOOKS BIG UND STRONG! A GOOD ARYAN! HE SHOULD SERVE OUR CAUSE VELL!
A SWEDE!
WELL NOW WE TALK BUSINESS. YOU THREE WILL BE MY COUNTRY'S AGENT SABOTAGE
GOLLY! HE MEANS WE GOTTA WORK FOR HIM! BETRUCH TOLE ME WUZ A VACATION!
YOU PICKED THE RIGHT GUYS FOR THE JOB, REINMANN!
NO! DON'T
COME BACK, YOU MORON! YOU'LL GO WITH US DEAD OR ALIVE!
VOT'S DE MATTER VID HIM?
SUDDENLY THE ROOM IS PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS AND SILHOUETTED ON THE WALL IS THE SIGN OF
THE HANGMAN!

YES, THE HANGMAN! YOUR HANGMAN!
BANG
WHAM
YOU FIRST, BETRUCHI!
AND I WOULDN'T WANT TO OVERLOOK YOU LAVAL!
BONG
UGH!
YOU'RE A NEW MEMBER OF THIS RAT'S NEST, SO....
?
OOO
YOU GET LAST HONORS!
POW
JENNIE THEY LIED TO YOU! THEY WEREN'T GOING TO HANG YOU IN PRISON. YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LET THEM GET YOU AGAIN!
JENNIE ALL MIXED UP AGAIN. I DON'T KNOW WHO MY FRIEND IS NOW!
SUDDENLY!
LAVAL! DON'T THROW!

LAVAL! YOU
THE HANG-MAN!
AND YOU TOO, YOU WHIMPERING IDIOT!
UGH
THAT KNIFE, IT'S RIGHT THROUGH YOUR HEART! YOU SHOULD BE DEAD! STAY AWAY FROM ME LENNIE! STAY AWAY FROM ME I TELL YOU!
SLOWLY PURPOSEFULLY LIKE INEVITABLE DOOM LENNIE STALKS THE TERRIFIED LAVAL... CORNERS HIM AND...
KEEP BACK! KEE...
AARGH
THEN AS THE LAST BREATH OF LIFE LEAVES LAVAL'S BODY, LENNIE COLLAPSES...
A SHIP'S OFFICER, ATTRACTED BY THE NOISE, RUNS IN!
GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE?
THIS IS THE LAST OF THREE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS ON GOD'S GREEN EARTH!
HE'S ESCAPING BUT WE'LL GET HIM!
I SENTENCE YOU TO BE HANGED BY THE NECK UNTIL YOU ARE DEAD! BETRUCH AND MAY THE LORD HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SOUL
THIS IS YOUR ULTIMATE FATE, CRIMINALS — THE GALLOWS! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THE HANGMAN!


SHIELD-WIZARD NO. 5
ON SALE AT YOUR NEWSSTANDS NOW!
LOOK FOR IT!
THE MONOCLED MONSTER! OUT OF THE GRAVE, COMES THIS HORROR TO PREY UPON A TERRIFIED WORLD! AND ONLY TWO DARE PICK UP ITS FOUL CHALLENGE...THE SHIELD AND DUSTY, THE SPECTACULAR BOY DETECTIVE. YOU'LL NEVER FORGET THIS BLOOD-CURDLING YARN... "THE MONOCLED MONSTER WALKS AGAIN"!
"THE CASE OF THE RACE TRACK MURDERS" THIS IS THE UNIQUE, ACTION-PACKED ADVENTURE THE WIZARD AND ROY, THE SUPER-BOY HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU IN SHIELD-WIZARD NO. 5 THRILL WITH THIS SUPERB DUO!.. LAUGH WITH THE ANTICS OF OSCAR, THE OSTRICH!

DANNY
IN
WONDERLAND
ALL WONDERLAND RINGS WITH ACCLAIM FOR THE PUPPET MASTER, SPUMONI, WHOSE PUPPETS ARE SO LIFE-LIKE THAT THE SPECTATORS WOULD SWEAR THEY WERE ALIVE!
WHEW, KUPPIE, WE MUST'VE BEEN TO EVERY TOWN IN WONDERLAND BY THIS TIME!
AW, GEE, DANNY, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAFTA GIVE UP SEARCHIN' FER THE KIDNAPPERS!
NOTHING DOING! WE PROMISED THE FAIRY QUEEN OF WONDERLAND WE'D FIND THE ONE WHO'S BEEN KIDNAPPING ALL THE CHILDREN, 'N' WE'RE GONNA DO IT!

PUPPET SHOW
DANNY, LOOK!
A PUPPET SHOW! LET'S SEE HOW IT S!
COME MY LITTLE PUPPETS. PERFORM FOR YOUR MASTER, SPUMONI!
JIMMINY! GOLLY! LOOKA THOSE PUPPETS! AIN'T THEY THE NUTS?
HEY MR SPUMONI, LEMME HOLD YER PUPPETS, WILL YA PLEASE? HUH?
KUPPIE! C'MERE AND STOP BOTHERING HIM!
PASTA FAZOOL ASTRINGO SOL! NO ONE TOUCH MY PUPPETS! THE SHOW IS OVER! SCRAM!
SEE! NOW YOU GOT HIM SORE!
BUT GEE WHIZ! ALL I WANTED TO DO IS TOUCH EM! I WOULDN'T HURT EM!
WELL, HE WON'T LET YOU SO THAT'S THAT!
MAYBE IF I SEE HIM IN PRIVATE HE'LL LET ME HOLD HIS PUPPETS.
KUPPIE! DON'T MAKE A PEST OF YOURSELF! C'MERE!
WHILE IN THE CARAVAN...
HO HO! SO MY PUPPETS LOOK ALIVE DO THEY? IF ONLY THOSE FOOLS WATCHING US KNEW THEY ARE ALIVE
WE WANNA GO HOME! PLEASE DON'T KEEP US HERE!
REDUCING LIQUID
NOW TO GO OUT AND GET MYSELF SOME FRESH PUPPETS
ALL DAY LONG, SPUMONI SLINKS FROM ONE END OF THE TOWN TO THE OTHER ON HIS ERRAND...
NOT A BAD DAYS WORK! ONE MORE PUPPET AND I GO HOME!

AHA! PERFECT! FIRST I MAKE SURE NO ONE'S AROUND!
HELLO, MY PRETTY YOUNG MISS!.. WHERE YOUR PARENTS ARE, HA?
MY MOMMY WENT TO THE STORE. I'M WAITING FOR HER!
HERE! YOU LIKE LOLLY-POP?
MY MOMMY TOLD ME NEVER TO TAKE ANYTHING FROM STRANGERS BUT WHIL--LIKINS, DOES LOOK GOOD!
AS THE LITTLE GIRL LICKS AT THE LOLLY POP, SHE SUDDENLY SHRINKS!
ZIP
HO, HO, HO!..NEXT TIME YOU LISTEN TO YOUR MAMA, I THINK!
MOMMY, MOMMY! HELP!
WHILE AT THAT MOMENT...
GEE WHIZ, SURE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM PUPPETS AGAIN...DANNY NEVER LETS ME HAVE ANY FUN!
KNOW! I'LL GO TO THE PUPPET-MASTER'S CARAVAN, 'N BE BACK BEFORE DANNY EVEN WAKES UP!
KUPPIE SOON ARRIVES AT THE CARAVAN...
MR SPUMONI! OH MR SPUMONI! GOLLY HE'S NOT IN!
I'M SURE HE WON'T MIND IF I PICK ONE OF EM UP..HEY! (GULP) IT..IT'S ALIVE!
PLEASE TAKE US HOME
WOW! SO SPUMONI IS THE KIDNAPPER!
SPUMONI KIDNAPPED US! HE KEEPS SPRINKLIN' SOME LIQUID ON US SO'S TO KEEP US FROM GROWIN' BACK TO REGULAR SIZE!

GO RIGHT BACK 'N GET DANNY! HE'LL FIX SPUMONI! ULP!
OWOO! LEGGO MY NECK YA BIG BULLY!
SURE. LET GO! HOW YOU LIKE IT NOW, EH?
YOWIE!
YIP! YIP! YIP!
WHAT'S THE MATTER SNAPPER? KUPPE'S GONE!
DRAT THAT KID! HE'S ALWAYS DOING SOMETHING HE SHOULDN'T! I BET HE WENT TO SEE THOSE PUPPETS AFTER ALL!
HEY! OH, MR. SPUMONI! DID YOU SEE A LITTLE DWARF?.. GEE WHIZ HE DOESN'T HEAR ME!
ARF! ARF!
NEXT DAY THE PUPPET CARAVAN STOPS IN ANOTHER TOWN IN WONDERLAND AND PREPARES TO PUT ON A SHOW...
PUPPET SHOW

LADIES AND GENTS! COME SEE THE PUPPET ACT OF THE CENTURY!.. MY PUPPETS THEY ALMOST LOOK ALIVE ......DO THEY NOT? HA HA HA!
HEY, CUT IT OUT...
YAH, YAH!
OOMPH!
HAW HAW! AIN'T A SCREAM? FINEST SHOW WE EVER SEEN!
YEAH HA HA! THAT PUPPET DWARF EVEN SOUNDS LIKE HE'S TALKING! THAT SPUNCN IS MARVELOUS!
POW!
BIFF!
BUT GEE WHIZ FELLERS! REALLY AM TALKIN'! GET ME OUTTA HERE WILL YA PLEASE?
JUST THEN...
DANNY, HEY DANNY! HERE I AM!
KUPPIE!
SO YOU'RE THE WONDERLAND KIDNAPPER! I FOLLOWED YOUR CARAVAN TO THIS TOWN 'CAUSE SOMEONE TOLD ME THEY SAW MY PAL KUPPIE GO INTO YOUR WAGON – BUT DIDN'T COME OUT!
SWISH!
DIABLO! I FEEX YOU SO YOU NO FOLLOW SPUNCN AGAIN!
OOWAAH!
CRACK!
ARF
GIDDAP! GIDDAP!
YIP YIP YIP!
PUPPET
OOO! MY HEAD! GEE, HE SURE CAUGHT ME NAPPIN' THAT TIME!
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GOTTA GO AFTER HIM! ... USE THE BICYCLE!
UP AND DOWN PRECIPITOUS MOUNTAIN SLOPES DANNY TENACIOUSLY PURSUES THE FLEEING SPUMONI
AND FINALLY OVERTAKES HIM! THEN A HAZARDOUS LEAP AND DANNY BARELY GRABS THE VAN'S REAR!
HE DOESN'T KNOW I'M HERE! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO GET HIM!
OOF!
AS THE TWO ARE LOCKED IN BATTLE, THE CARAVAN, OUT OF CONTROL, SWAYS PERILOUSLY ON THE MOUNTAIN ROADS!
THEIR STRUGGLES CARRY THEM INSIDE THE VAN! ONE OF THE PUPPET JARS IS UPSET!
CRASH!
AND OUT HOPS THE KANGAROO AND KUPPIE!
GULP, DANNY'S IN TROUBLE!
AHA NOW FEENEES-YOU!

THE KANGAROO HOPS ONTO A SHELF...
LOOK! HE'S BE-COMING PUPPET SIZE!
WHOOSH
WHIFF
GOODY!
WHEE!
HELP-A KELP-A!
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FOLLOW THE FURTHER HILARIOUS ADVENTURES OF DANNY, KUPPIE AND SNAPPER IN NEXT ISSUE OF PEP COMICS!!

SERGEANT BOYLE
TWERP! LOOK AT WHAT JUST CAME FROM G.H.Q.! WE'RE TRANSFERRED TO IRAQ! THERE'S A BOAT GOIN' TOMORROW!
BY HUBBELL
YIPEE! IT'S THE NEAR EAST FOR US AT LAST! OOOOH, THE ROAD TO MANDALAAAHAY! — DA DE DA DA..
YES SIR! IF WE HUNG AROUND LISBON MUCH LONGER WE'D PROBABLY TAKE UP KNITTING. *!?! BLANK©! THERE'S THAT DUMB RUG PEDDLER AGAIN!
KNOCK KNOCK
NO! I KEEP ON TELLIN' YOU! DON'T WANT A RUG! NOW BEAT IT!?
ULP! HA, HA! EXCUSE ME! WAS EXPECTIN' SOMEBODY ELSE! COME IN!
OH PLEASE, I MUST SEE SERGEANT BOYLE! IT'S TERRIBLY IMPORTANT!
IN TROUBLE, EH? I'M PRETTY BUSY, GIRLIE, BUT SPILL IT!

THANK GOODNESS I FOUND YOU IN! I HAVE JUST HEARD THAT MY FATHER HAS BEEN THROWN INTO PRISON IN FRANCE FOR HIS LOYALTY TO THE FREE FRENCH CAUSE! KNOW THEY
SHOOT H M!
YEAH?
SORRY S STER, WE CAN'T HELP YOU. WE'RE LEAVING FOR IRAQ IN THE MORNING!
OH!
WHEEW!
GOOD THING BOYLE WASN'T HERE! HE'S A SUCKER FOR A GOOD LOOKIN' DOLL!
I'D RATHER BUCK A WHOLE NEST OF MACHINE GUNS THAN TRY TO SETTLE ANOTHER HOTEL BILL WITH THAT CLERK! SAY, MISS, WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE TROUBLE?
HUMPH! ANOTHER SOLDIER! YOU'RE PROBABLY A FRIEND OF THAT STUCK-UP SERGEANT BOYLE! WELL, YOU CAN TELL HIM FOR ME HE'S A LONG-NOSED OLD MEAN E!
HUH?
LET'S GET TH S STRAIGHT! T SO HAPPENS I'M SERGEANT BOYLE SO YOU CAN JUST TELL ME!
SO YOU'RE SERGEANT BOYLE! OH, SERGEANT, WILL YOU DO A LITTLE G RL A GREAT BIG FAVOR?
?
HOW'S GO N' WERD?
M ALL PACKED SARGE. WE HAD A VISITOR WH LE YOU WERE OUT!
IMAGINE! THIS GAL WANTED US TO GO ALL THE WAY TO FRANCE TO GET HER OLD MAN OUT OF JAIL! ISN'T THAT A HOWL SARGE?
YEAH. WE'RE GOING!

THAT NIGHT
FOR THE LAST TIME BOYLE, BE REASONABLE ABOUT THIS!
FOR THE LAST TIME WHY DON'T YOU GO LAY AN EGG? AH! THERE SHE IS!
I FEEL AWFUL ASKING YOU TO GO TO ALL THIS BOTHER FOR ME!
SHUCKS! WE'RE GOIN ANYWAY AND THIS'LL JUST MAKE A NICE LITTLE SIDE TRIP!
THESE MOSQUITO BOATS ARE TO BE CONVOYED TO THE MIDDLE EAST ANYWAY! WE'LL TAKE THIS ONE ON AHEAD! HOLD TIGHT!
WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
TWO DAYS LATER
HERE'S THE COAST OF "UNOCCUPIED" FRANCE UP AHEAD. BUT I'LL LAY ODDS THE PLACE IS OVERRUN WITH SAUERKRAUTS!
WE'RE IN! THEY'LL NEVER SPOT THIS BOAT FROM ABOVE THESE OVERHANGING CLIFFS!
WHAT HAPPENS NOW?
NOW WE HEAD FOR THE NEAREST HIGHWAY! HOW ARE YOU AT HITCH-HIKING?
GOSH, SARGE! YOU WERE RIGHT! HERE COME TWO HEINIES NOW!
INTO THE WOODS, TWERP! THIS LITTLE GIRL CAN STOP THESE DODOS A LOT FASTER THAN WE CAN!
ACH! DOT VRENCH BEER IS SHTRONG! SUCH LUFFLY TINGS I TINK I SEE!
WHO CARES? YOU SHOULD SEE VOT I'M SEEING!
AHHH! THE CLOSER I GET, THE BETTER IT LOOKS!

OH! SUCH SWEET HANDSOME BOYS!
?
'GULP' HELLO CUTE!
SO SHE'S REAL! SOME LOOKER!
MAYBE YOU GOT A GIRL FRIEND YAH?
OH A COUPLE OF FRESH GUYS EH? HERE'S A SMACK FOR BOTH OF YOU!
WHACK!
SPLAT!
WHY, YOU LITTLE @!!#? WHEN WE CATCH YOU.
BUT YOU HAVEN'T CAUGHT ME!
ACH!
HELP!
BOY! THAT'S SOME FIT! CAN'T YOU ROLL THE SLEEVES UP?
DID ALREADY! THEY'RE STILL TOO LONG!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOIN' ON THAT BIKE? SCOOT UP!
?
ALL COMFY? THEN HERE WE GO!
AND ME A CAPTAIN! PHOOEY! WEREN'T SO GOOD NATURED BOYLE...

NUTS! 180 KILOMETERS TO GO! WE'LL NEVER DO IT ON THESE THINGS! WE'VE GOT TO MAKE BETTER TIME!
OW! OW! OW!
YES. BUT HOW CAN WE?
IVROONES 180 KM.
WHAT'S THAT? SHHH!
HEY! WHAT'S THE--?
SCREECH
CHANGING A FLAT, BOYS?
?
WHAM
BORROWED IT! HOP IN!
DAWN THE FOLLOWING DAY...
IF OUR GAS ONLY HOLDS OUT TILL WE GET TO THE TOP OF THIS HILL WE CAN COAST DOWN TO THE PRISON ON THE OTHER SIDE.
THAT SIDE ROAD IS A SHORT CUT TO THE VILLAGE, BUT IT'S NEVER USED!
BOY! WE JUST MADE IT! THERE ISN'T ANOTHER DROP ... WHAT'S UP?
MY FATHER! LOOK! THEY'RE TAKING HIM INTO THE VILLAGE TO BE SHOT! WE'RE TOO LATE!
GEE SARGE WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO? WE CAN'T LET THE POOR KID'S OLD MAN GET KNOCKED OFF!
WE'VE GOT TO STEP ON IT IF WE WANT TO SAVE HIM! HANG ON WE'RE GOIN BACK TO THAT SIDE ROAD!
SOB SOB

DON'T WORRY, KID! YOUR DAD'S NOT DEAD YET !... WH- ! THE BRAKES JAMMED! DUCK!
THAT MILL! YOU'LL HIT IT!
CRASH!
VENTRE BLEU! PEEG!
!!?★!G
CACKLE
CACKLE
CAN SEE WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID THIS ROAD WASN'T USED MUCH!
OINK!
THIS MUST BE THE BACK YARD OF A TAVERN! AN THE MAIN ROAD RUNS RIGHT PAST IT! C'MON!
WE DIDN'T BEAT THE DEATH GUARD HERE BY MUCH AT THAT! WE CAN STOP THEM BUT WE'LL NEED TWERP!
ACH DU LIEBER! NEVER HAVE I BEEN SO HOT! I VON'T ENJOY DIS EXECUTION AT ALL!
KAPITAN! LOOK!
SPECIAL!! ICE-COLD BEER FREE TO ALL GENTS IN UNIFORM - POSITIVELY TODAY ONLY
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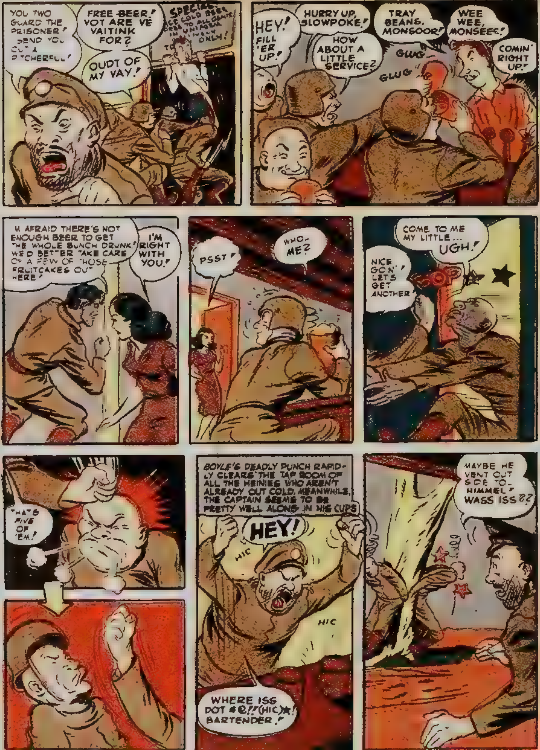
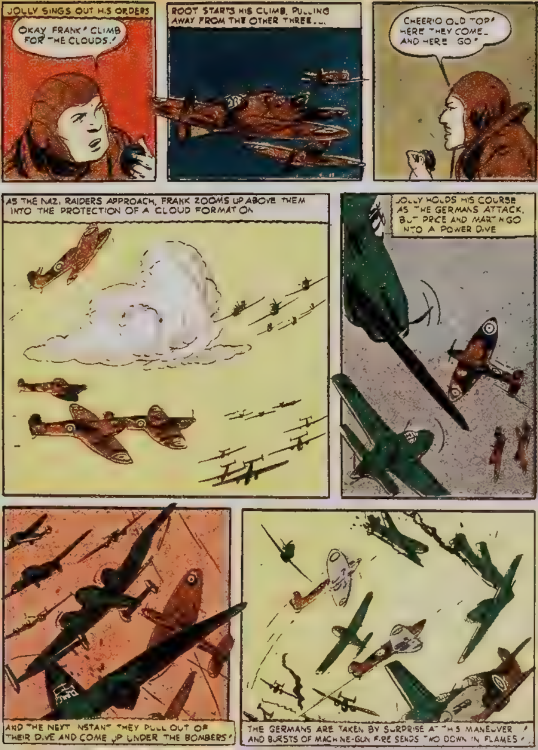


YOU TWO GUARD THE PRISONER! SEND YOU OUT A PITCHERFUL!
FREE BEER! VOT ARE VE VAITINK FOR?
OUDT OF MY VAY!
SPECIAL
ONLY!
HEY! FILL 'ER UP!
HURRY UP, SLOWPOKE!
HOW ABOUT A LITTLE SERVICE?
TRAY BEANS, MONSOOR!
WEE WEE, MONSEEE!
GLUG
GLUG
COMIN' RIGHT UP!
I'M AFRAID THERE'S NOT ENOUGH BEER TO GET THE WHOLE BUNCH DRUNK! WE'D BETTER TAKE CARE OF A FEW OF THOSE FRUITCAKES OUT HERE!
I'M RIGHT WITH YOU!
PSST!
WHO-ME?
COME TO ME MY LITTLE ... UGH!
NICE GOIN'! LET'S GET ANOTHER
THAT'S FIVE OF 'EM!
BOYLE'S DEADLY PUNCH RAPIDLY CLEARS THE TAP ROOM OF ALL THE HEINIES WHO AREN'T ALREADY OUT COLD. MEANWHILE, THE CAPTAIN SEEMS TO BE PRETTY WELL ALONG IN HIS CUPS
HEY!
HIC
HIC
WHERE ISS DOT #@!!(HIC)*! BARTENDER!
MAYBE HE VENT OUT SIDE TO-
HIMMEL! WASS ISS??

YAH! YAH! VE VERE AMBUSHED BY TWELVE ENGLISH SPIES MIT MACHINE GUNS! IT'S LUCKY VE ESCAPED ALIFE!
THEY COULDN'T GO FAR! SEND OUT ARMORED CARS UND BRING DEM BACK!
MINUTES LATER THE NAZI BATTLE WAGONS FAN OUT OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE....
HAFF TWO ENGLISHERS UND AN OLD MAN COME THROUGH HERE? SPEAK UP! DON'T LIE!
EENGLEESH? NO NO M'SIEUR, HAVE SEEN NOBODY! I SWEAR EET!
BUT-DO NOT WORRY! LET ZEM BUT SHOW ZAIR FACE, AND I POOSH ZE SO LOUD CRY AN' CAPTURE ZEM ALL!
GOOT! DRIVE ON!
LATER, BOYLE AND THE OTHERS ARRIVE AT THE COAST...
ALMOST THERE! DARN SWELL OF ALL THESE FRENCH FARMERS TO HELP US ALONG!
QUEEK! ZE COAST SHE EES CLEAR!
SAFE AT LAST! IRAQ NEXT STOP!
IN IRAQ
GO ON UP, POP. TWERP AN' I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU!
WELL, TWERP, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HER NOW? NOT BAD, EH?
GOOD THING WE'RE HERE TO LOOK AFTER HER SARGE. SHE'D BE PRETTY LONELY HERE ALL ALONE!
HEY, POP, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR DAUGHTER? WHERE IS SHE?
SHE WENT WITH THAT OTHER SOLDIER! HE SAID YOU WOULDN'T MIND!
MIGHT HAVE KNOWN! HEARD COLLINS WAS IN IRAQ, THE.
SUCH GRATITUDE! AND AFTER WE DID ALL THE DIRTY WORK!
MORE SMASH ADVENTURES OF SERGEANT BOYLE IN NEXT ISSUE OF PEP COMICS!!

JOLLY ROGER
AND HIS SKY PIRATES
HOOT MON! OUT 'A ME WAY!
LET'S GET 'EM BOYS!
THE BLINKIN' HUNS!
WE'LL MOW 'EM DOWN!
THE SKY PIRATES, LEFT TO RIGHT AS THEY GO INTO ACTION:
C.T. PRICE, SCOTLAND. JOLLY ROGER, AMERICA. FRANK ROOT, BRITAIN. MARTY MARTIN, AUSTRALIA.
JOLLY ROGER LEADS HIS SKY PIRATES INTO ACTION!
THERE GO THE FOUR BEST FIGHTERS IN THE R.A.F.
NOBODY BETTER MAJOR!
THE ONLY TROUBLE IS, I'M GOING TO HAVE BAD NEWS FOR THEM WHEN THEY COME DOWN AGAIN! I HAVE ORDERS TO SEND EACH OF THEM TO A DIFFERENT SQUADRON!

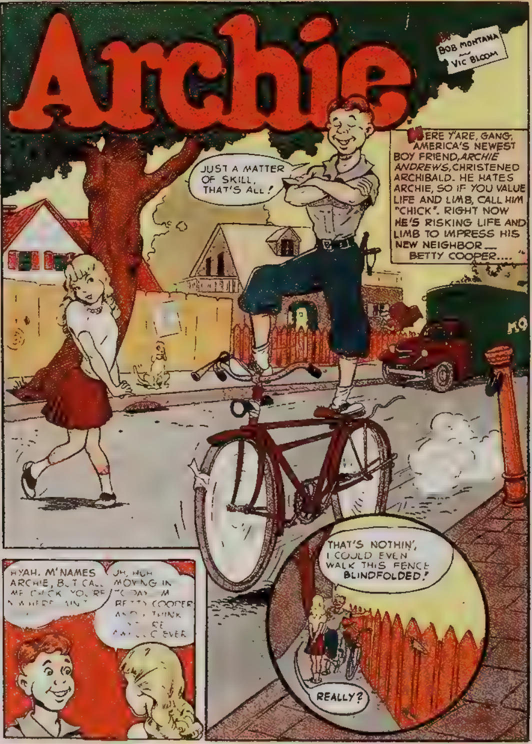

JOLLY SINGS OUT HIS ORDERS
OKAY FRANK! CLIMB FOR THE CLOUDS!
ROOT STARTS HIS CLIMB, PULLING AWAY FROM THE OTHER THREE...
CHEERIO OLD TOP! HERE THEY COME_ AND HERE GO!
AS THE NAZI RAIDERS APPROACH, FRANK ZOOMS UP ABOVE THEM INTO THE PROTECTION OF A CLOUD FORMATION
JOLLY HOLDS HIS COURSE AS THE GERMANS ATTACK, BUT PRICE AND MARTIN GO INTO A POWER DIVE
AND THE NEXT INSTANT THEY PULL OUT OF THEIR DIVE AND COME UP UNDER THE BOMBERS!
THE GERMANS ARE TAKEN BY SURPRISE AT THIS MANEUVER AND BURSTS OF MACHINE-GUN FIRE SENDS TWO DOWN IN FLAMES!

OKAY, FRANK! COME OUT, COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU ARE!
FRANK ROOT DIVES OUT OF THE CLOUDS, UNSEEN BY THE NAZIS BECAUSE THE SUN IS DIRECTLY BEHIND HIM
THE NAZI FORMATION BEGINS TO BREAK UP IN THE FURY OF THE PIRATES' ATTACK!
ROGER AND FLIGHT 13! COME DOWN AT ONCE! GIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ORDER!
BUT SIR, SOME OF THE BOMBERS ARE STILL LEFT! THIS SKY BELONGS TO US!
NEVER MIND, ROGER! FOLLOW ORDERS AND COME DOWN!
I HATE TO THINK WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN YOU TELL THEM THEY'RE GOING TO BE SPLIT UP!
I'M ONLY FOLLOWING ORDERS OF MY SUPERIORS YOU KNOW!

TOO BAD WE DIDNT FINISH EM ALL OFF, SIR!
YES, I KNOW, ROGER, BUT I'VE GOT OTHER ORDERS FOR YOU! SO KEEP YOUR TOGS ON!
THE AIR ARM COMMANDER HAS ORDERED YOU TO STAY HERE, ROGER! PRICE IS TO GO TO THE 23RD PURSUIT, MARTIN IS ORDERED TO THE 48TH, AND ROOT GOES TO THE 16TH! THOSE ORDERS CLEAR, GENTLEMEN?
BUT YOU CAN'T BREAK US UP LIKE THAT! WE..
STEADY, OLD BOY! WAR IS WAR, YOU KNOW!
YOU'RE RIGHT, FRANK! SO I'LL SAY SO LONG FOR NOW! BUT DON'T WORRY-WE'LL BE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN SOME DAY!
A SHORT WHILE LATER, JOLLY ROGER WATCHES HIS THREE COMRADES TAKE OFF!
THAT WAS THE TOUGHEST COMMAND I EVER HAD TO GIVE!
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, SIR!
THE NEXT DAY THE ALARM GOES OUT THAT THE NAZIS ARE SENDING OVER WAVE AFTER WAVE OF BOMBERS- THE BIGGEST BOMBING FORMATION YET SEEN IN THE SKIES OVER ENGLAND!
FLIGHT 3 TAKE OFF
6TH TAKE TO THE AIR!
48TH - PREPARE TO TAKE OFF!
23RD PURSUIT- TAKE OFF!

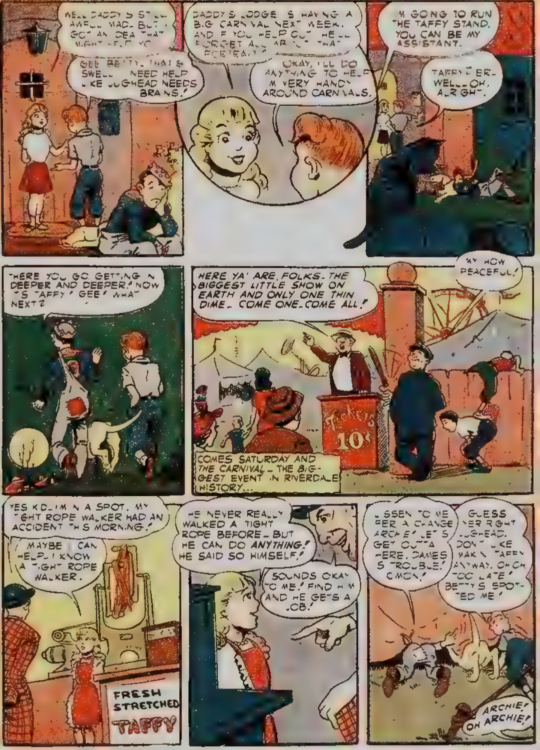
THE BRITISH INTERCEPTORS MEET THE FIRST GREAT WAVE OF NAZI BOMBERS...
..BUT THE ENEMY HOLDS ITS FORMATION, PRESSING RELENTLESSLY ONWARD TOWARD LONDON!....
THEN, IN ONE OF THE ENGLISH FIGHTERS JOLLY ROGER OPENS HIS 'MIKE', AND...
OH, I'M THE GUY WHO'S FROM THE STATES, SO LET ME SEE YOU GUN YOUR CRATES, AND MEET ME UP BESIDE A STAR, AND WE'LL DUPLICATE NELSON AT TRAFALGAR!
FRANK ROOT JOINS IN THE CHORUS...
OH, I'M THE BLOKE FROM ENGLAND'S SHORE, AND WHEN YOU HEAR MY MOTOR'S ROAR, YOU'LL KNOW I'M ON MY WAY UPSTAIRS TO JOIN THE PIRATES OF THE AIR!
AND MARTY CARRIES THE SONG ALONG...
YEP! I'M THE FELLER FROM DOWN UNDER, AND WHAT YOU HEAR AIN'T JUST THUNDER, IT'S THE ROARING VOICE OF THE GOD OF MARS TELLIN' THE PIRATES WE'LL MEET BY THE STARS!
FINALLY C.T. PRICE PICKS UP THE FINAL VERSE....
AN' HERE'S TH' MON WI' TH' SCOTTISH BURR, AN' WILL I JOIN TH' FUN? YES SIR! AN' WHAT NELSON DID AT TRAF-AL-GAR WE'LL DO RIGHT NOW BY GAR!

THE FOUR SKY PIRATES ZOOM OUT OF THE DOG-FIGHT, AND MEET AGAIN SEVERAL THOUSAND FEET ABOVE...
OKAY PIRATES! HERE WE GO! STICK CLOSE TO PAPA!
THEN A MOMENT LATER, THEY DIVE THROUGH THE CENTER OF THE BOMBER FORMATION CUTTING IT INTO TWO PARTS....
THEN, ONCE AGAIN, THEY BLAST THEIR WAYS THROUGH THE NAZIS-AND THE SOLID FORMATION IS NOW SPLIT INTO THREE SMALL GROUPS!
DEMORALIZED THE NAZIS TURN TAIL AND HEAD FOR HOME!
OKAY FELLOWS! WE BROKE 'EM UP! NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT NOW-UNLESS YOU THINK WE SHOULD FLY SOME HEADACHE POWDER TO HITLER! HE'S GONNA NEED EM!
LATER....
GENTLEMEN, ON ORDERS FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE R.A.F. WE HAVE COMMISSIONED YOU FOUR TO A SPECIAL AIR ARM OF YOUR OWN! THE FOUR OF YOU ARE SO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS THE JOLLY ROGER SQUADRON AND FROM HERE ON TO THE END OF THIS WAR, YOU SHALL FLY AND FIGHT TOGETHER! LONG LIVE THE SKY PIRATES!
SKY PIRATES FOREVER- TILL DEATH DO THEM PART! JOIN THEM NEXT MONTH


Archie
BOB MONTANA — VIC BLOOM
HERE Y'ARE, GANG, AMERICA'S NEWEST BOY FRIEND, ARCHIE ANDREWS, CHRISTENED ARCHIBALD. HE HATES ARCHIE, SO IF YOU VALUE LIFE AND LIMB, CALL HIM "CHICK". RIGHT NOW HE'S RISKING LIFE AND LIMB TO IMPRESS HIS NEW NEIGHBOR — BETTY COOPER....
JUST A MATTER OF SKILL, THAT'S ALL!
HYAH. M'NAMES ARCHIE,
MOVING IN
THAT'S NOTHIN', I COULD EVEN WALK THIS FENCE BLINDFOLDED!
REALLY?

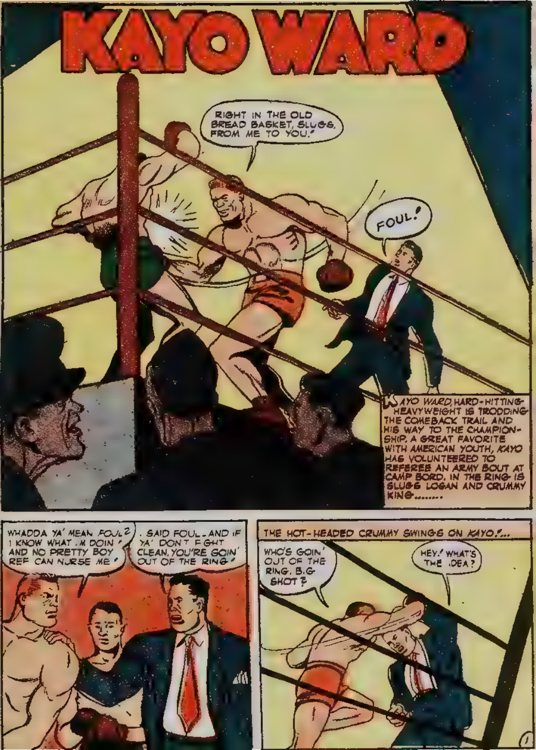
WELL, IF YOU SAY SO. BUT I THINK IT'S DANGEROUS!
DANGER? THERE'S NO SUCH WORD TO ME!
OH, ARCHIE, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
AND NOW MEET BETTY'S FATHER, OLD MAN COOPER.
NO SIREE, I CARRY THIS IN M'SELF. IT'S MY PICTURE IN LODGE UNIFORM.
OKAY, POP, IF YOU SAY SO.
NOT BAD HUH, BETTY! YOU SHOULD SEE ME WHEN I'M REALLY IN FORM!
ARCHIE! THE GATE! IT'S OPEN! LOOK OUT!
OOH! HOPE IT'S SOMETHING CHEAP!
HEY! HEADS UP!
MY PORTRAIT! RUINED! OH, YOU IMBECILE!
GEE MR COOPER! I DIDN'T HURT IT MUCH! IT'S JUST TORN A LITTLE!
G-GOLLY! HOW'D THAT HAPPEN?
GEE! WHAT NOW?
BLOP!
THIS WAS A PRICELESS VASE, UNTIL ARCHIE CAME ALONG!..
WHAM
GRR.. JUST LET ME GET MY HANDS ON YOU!
MY PORCELEAN VASE! MY NERVES! MY HEAVENS!
MY GOSH! I DON'T THINK I MADE A HIT WITH BETTY'S FOLKS!
MY POOR HEAD!

OH, WELL, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSE ARCHIE..ER, CHICK.
IT COULDN'T BE WORSE - WHAT A WAY TO START A FRIENDSHIP!
LATER-IN ARCHIE'S ROOM...
ARCHI-E-E! OH ARCHIE!
WELL SON MR COOPER TOLD ME SOME VERY INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT YOU.. WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY FOR YOURSELF!
ER, AH.. (GULP) DAD, IT WAS LIKE THIS..
NOW, GRAMPS, DON'T TRY TO TALK ME OUT OF IT AGAIN - THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER!
COME, FRED, HE WAS JUST SHOWING OFF BEFORE A GIRL.. HE'S A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK!
WELL SON GRAMPS CHANGED ER.. CHANGED MY MIND. YOUR PUNISHMENT WILL BE PAYING FOR THAT PICTURE.
GEE POP, THANKS! ALL I GOTTA DO IS GET THE MONEY!
WHEW - THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL! GOOD OLD GRAMPS! WHATTA PAL!
OH - I FORGOT ABOUT THAT - NOW I AM OUTTA LUCK!
HEAVENS! HIS BEST PANTS TOO!
HOW TO WIN FRIENDS and INFLUENCE PEOPLE
YESSIR WOMEN LIKE MEN WITH COURAGE!
THANKS GRAMPS, I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING!
I TELL YA' JUGHEAD I GOTTA GET AN IDEA.. A BIG IDEA TOO!
GALS! PHOOEY! THEY'RE POISON, CHICK! STAY AWAY FROM 'EM, I WARN YA!


WELL DADDY'S STILL AWFUL MAD- BUT I GOT AN IDEA THAT
GEE BETTY, THAT'S SWELL NEED HELP LIKE JUGHEAD NEEDS BRAINS!
DADDY'S LODGE IS HAVING A BIG CARNIVAL NEXT WEEK. AND IF YOU HELP OUT HE'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT THAT PORTRAIT
OKAY, I'LL DO ANYTHING TO HELP. I'M VERY HANDY AROUND CARNIVALS.
I'M GOING TO RUN THE TAFFY STAND. YOU CAN BE MY ASSISTANT.
TAFFY? ER- WELL- OH, ALRIGHT.
THERE YOU GO, GETTING IN DEEPER AND DEEPER! NOW IT'S TAFFY! GEE! WHAT NEXT?
HERE YA' ARE, FOLKS- THE BIGGEST LITTLE SHOW ON EARTH AND ONLY ONE THIN DIME- COME ONE-COME ALL!
MY HOW PEACEFUL!
10¢
COMES SATURDAY AND THE CARNIVAL- THE BIGGEST EVENT IN RIVERDALE HISTORY...
YES KID- I'M IN A SPOT. MY TIGHT ROPE WALKER HAD AN ACCIDENT THIS MORNING!
MAYBE I CAN HELP- I KNOW A TIGHT ROPE WALKER.
HE NEVER REALLY WALKED A TIGHT ROPE BEFORE- BUT HE CAN DO ANYTHING! HE SAID SO HIMSELF!
SOUNDS OKAY TO ME! FIND HIM AND HE GETS A JOB!
FRESH STRETCHED TAFFY
LISSEN TO ME FER A CHANGE ARCHIE! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE. DAMES IS TROUBLE! C'MON!
GUESS YER RIGHT JUGHEAD. DON'T LIKE MAKIN' TAFFY ANYWAY. OH-OH. TOO LATE! BETTY'S SPOTTED ME!
ARCHIE! OH ARCHIE!

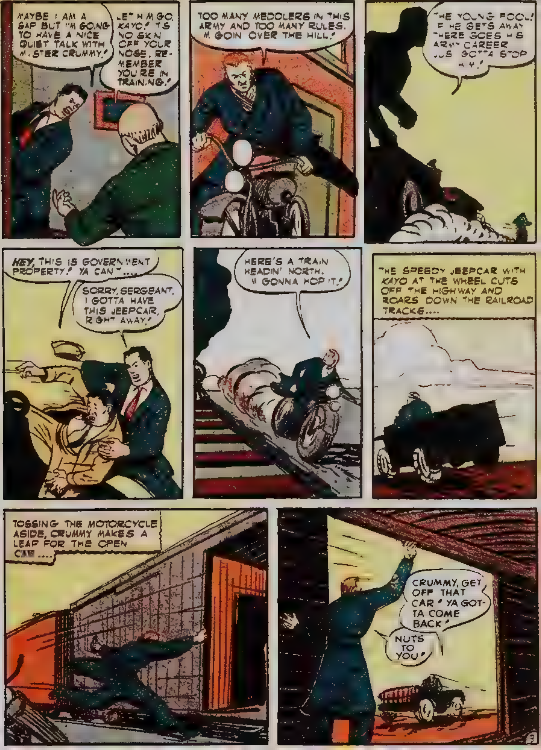
THINK OF IT ARCHIE HE'LL PAY YOU TO DO TRICKS ON A TIGHT ROPE!
THAT SOUNDS EASY- I'VE WALKED EVERY FENCE IN TOWN!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, TIGHT ROPE- THAT'S MY CLOTHES LINE!
OH OH- MAYBE I'D BETTER RESIGN!
WOW! MUST BE A HUNERT FEET HIGH. OH WELL- IF I DON'T DO IT I'M THROUGH WITH BETTY AND HER POP!
FAR ABOVE THE TIGHT ROPE- ARCHIE GROWS DIZZY- JUST LOOKING AT IT!
GOSH! WHY DIDN'T I LISTEN TO JUGHEAD?
PRESENTING- FEARLESS ARCHIE- THE YOUTHFUL DAREDEVIL!
BEAT IT- SHOO! SHOO!
OH, WELL, IF HE DOES FALL, I'LL BE HERE TO CATCH HIM!
HUNDREDS OF NOSES AT THE CARNIVAL AND THE FLY PICKS ON ARCHIE'S!!
MY SON- MY ARCHIE, MY...
WAIT, SON, DON'T COME DOWN TOO SOON- THINK IT OVER!
ARCHIBALD---
OH! OH! I KNEW IT WAS TOO GOOD TO LAST!

HE FLIES THROUGH THE AIR WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE, ARCHIE SHOULD'VE STUCK TO THE FLYING TRAPEZE.
HERE, SON, HERE_ MOTHER'S READY TO CATCH YOU!
HAPPY STICKY LANDINGS!
TAFFY
ARCHIE'S FOOT CONNECTS WITH THE CONTROL LEVER AND_
OOWW! TAFFY!
STOP THAT MACHINE! STOP IT!
DNNNNN
GLUB, GLUB_ JUSH WAIT'LL I GET HOLD OF THAT CLUMSY KID!!
LOOK CLOSELY AND YOU'LL RECOGNIZE J.B. COOPER, BETTY'S FATHER!
BUT MR COOPER, I CAN EXPLAIN!
YOU STOP AND EXPLAIN, I'LL KEEP ON GOING!
TAFFY! PHOOEY!
GIRLS! DOUBLE PHOOEY!
SOME KID THAT ARCHIE, HUH GANG? THERE'S ANOTHER BARREL OF TROUBLE AND FUN WAITING FOR HIM AND HIS PAL JUGHEAD IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF PEP COMICS! IF YOUR HEART IS WEAK AND YOU CAN'T STAND LAUGHING TOO MUCH THEN DON'T READ IT BECAUSE YOU'LL ROAR UNTIL YOU CAN'T CATCH YOUR BREATH AND THE TEARS WILL ROLL. ARCHIE COMICS LAUGH SENSATION!



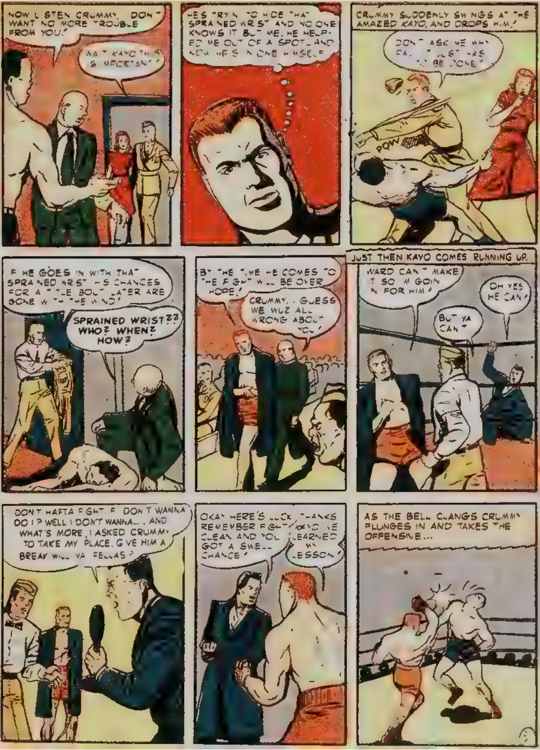
KAYO WARD
RIGHT IN THE OLD BREAD BASKET, SLUGS, FROM ME TO YOU!
FOUL!
KAYO WARD, HARD-HITTING HEAVYWEIGHT IS TRODDING THE COMEBACK TRAIL AND HIS WAY TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP. A GREAT FAVORITE WITH AMERICAN YOUTH, KAYO HAS VOLUNTEERED TO REFEREE AN ARMY BOUT AT CAMP BORD. IN THE RING IS SLUGS LOGAN AND CRUMMY KING........
WHADDA YA' MEAN FOUL? I KNOW WHAT I'M DOIN'! AND NO PRETTY BOY REF CAN NURSE ME!
I SAID FOUL - AND IF YA' DON'T FIGHT CLEAN, YOU'RE GOIN' OUT OF THE RING!
THE HOT-HEADED CRUMMY SWINGS ON KAYO!...
WHO'S GOIN' OUT OF THE RING, BIG SHOT?
HEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA?

HATE TO DO THIS - BUT YOUSE ASKED FER IT!
THE DOUGHBOYS GREAT BELIEVERS IN FAIR PLAY, CHEER THE POPULAR REFEREE....
ATTABOY, KAYO! SLAP HIS EARS DOWN!
THAT'S A GOOD NAME FOR HIM "CRUMMY"!
IN HIS DRESSING ROOM, CRUMMY FACES ANOTHER INFURIATED OPPONENT, HIS SISTER JULIE....
AW, CAN THAT SOB STORY!
CRUMMY WHY MUST YOU DO THINGS LIKE THIS?
LEW, I HATED TO DO IT, SEEIN' AS HOW I'M MEETIN' THE CHAMP HERE TOMORROW FOR THE U.S.O. MATCH BUT I COULDN'T LET HIM MAKE A DOPE OUTTA ME!
DON'T WORRY KAYO. THE GANG'S ON YOUR SIDE. LET'S HAVE A TALK WITH THIS CRUMMY
WAIT A MINUTE, CRUMMY! COOL OFF SO WE CAN TALK!
LEMME GO SIS!
LOOK, KID, WE WANT TO HELP YOU!
I'M BLOWIN' THIS TIN SOLDIERS ARMY!
HEY, STOP PUSHING!
BAD ONE SIDE AND MEAN IT!
WHAT A DIRTY TRICK SOCKING POOR LEW!
STOP HIM PLEASE MR. WARD!
CRUMMY REALLY ISN'T VICIOUS AND CRUEL! NO ONE HAS EVER TAKEN AN INTEREST IN HIM, EXCEPT ME, AND I'M HELPLESS!



MAYBE I AM A SAP BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE A NICE QUIET TALK WITH MISTER CRUMMY!
LET HIM GO, KAYO! IT'S NO SKIN OFF YOUR NOSE. REMEMBER YOU'RE IN TRAINING!
TOO MANY MEDDLERS IN THIS ARMY AND TOO MANY RULES. I'M GOIN' OVER THE HILL!
THE YOUNG FOOL! IF HE GETS AWAY THERE GOES HIS ARMY CAREER. JUS' GOTTA STOP HIM!
HEY, THIS IS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY! YA CAN'T....
SORRY, SERGEANT, I GOTTA HAVE THIS JEEPCAR, RIGHT AWAY!
HERE'S A TRAIN HEADIN' NORTH. I'M GONNA HOP IT!
THE SPEEDY JEEPCAR WITH KAYO AT THE WHEEL CUTS OFF THE HIGHWAY AND ROARS DOWN THE RAILROAD TRACKS....
TOSSING THE MOTORCYCLE ASIDE, CRUMMY MAKES A LEAP FOR THE OPEN CAR....
CRUMMY, GET OFF THAT CAR! YA GOTTA COME BACK!
NUTS TO YOU!

OKAY WONT COME OFF BY YOUR SELF COMIN AFTER YOU!
TEACH YOU TO MIND BIZNESS!
A DESPERATE STRUGGLE ENSUES AND.
OOF!
AS THE MILITARY POLICE DASH TO THE SCENE..
OKAY HERO CAUGHT NOW YOU SATISFIED?
OOO! MY WRIST FEELS LIKE IT'S BROKEN!
BUT CRUMMY WASN'T RUNNIN AWAY WAS JUST TAKING INTO TOWN TO GET SOME
SOUNDS SCREWY TO ME YOU'D BETTER TELL THAT TO THE OLD MAN!
CAPTAIN SOMETIMES A BLOW ON THE HEAD MAKES A FIGHTER DO CRAZY THINGS YOU'D GIVE CRUMMY ANOTHER CHANCE
HE'S CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE WARD BUT YOU SAY SO.
BE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR RELEASE YOUR CUSTODY
THANKS, CAPTAIN. NOW WE GOT CHANGE FOR MY FIGHT!
GOOD LUCK, WARD. WE'RE ALL FOR YOU!
OOO!.. THIS WRIST'S ACHIN' SUMTHIN FIERCE ..BUT I'M GONNA GO THROUGH WITH THIS FIGHT IF IT KILLS ME!


NOW LISTEN CRUMMY, DON'T WANT NO MORE TROUBLE FROM YOU!
HE'S TRYIN' TO HIDE THAT SPRAINED WRIST AND NO ONE KNOWS IT BUT ME. HE HELPED ME OUT OF A SPOT AND NOW HE'S IN ONE HIMSELF
CRUMMY SUDDENLY SWINGS AT THE AMAZED KAYO, AND DROPS HIM!
DON'T ASK ME WHY ... IT JUST HAS TO BE DONE!
POW
IF HE GOES IN WITH THAT SPRAINED WRIST HIS CHANCES FOR A TITLE BOUT LATER ARE GONE WITH THE WIND!
SPRAINED WRIST?? WHO? WHEN? HOW?
BY THE TIME HE COMES TO THE FIGHT WILL BE OVER. NOPE!
CRUMMY, I GUESS WE WUZ ALL WRONG ABOUT YOU!
JUST THEN KAYO COMES RUNNING UP.
WARD CAN'T MAKE IT SO I'M GOIN IN FOR HIM!
BUT YA CAN'T
OH YES HE CAN!
DON'T HAFTA FIGHT IF I DON'T WANNA DO I? WELL I DON'T WANNA.... AND WHAT'S MORE, I ASKED CRUMMY TO TAKE MY PLACE. GIVE HIM A BREAK WILL YA FELLAS?
OKAY HERE'S LUCK, REMEMBER FIGHT CLEAN AND YOU GOT A SWELL CHANCE!
THANKS KAYO I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON!
AS THE BELL CLANGS CRUMMY PLUNGES IN AND TAKES THE OFFENSIVE...

ROUND THREE, WITH CRUMMY HOLDING HIS OWN....
MY GLOVE...IT'S UNTIED. IT'S AGAINST THE RULES TO HIT A MAN WITH A LOOSE LACE. I'D BETTER TELL THE REFEREE!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER, CRUMMY KING PASSES UP A CHANCE TO FIGHT DIRTY. AS A RESULT, THE CHAMP MOVES IN!....
GOOD FOR YOUSE CRUMMY THAT WAS THE MOST SPORTIN' THING I EVER SAW. I'M FOR YOUSE 100%!
THERE'S HIS OPENING! LET 'IM HAVE IT, CRUMMY!
AND CRUMMY UNLEASHES A POWERFUL RIGHT, DROPPING THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP!
CRUMMY KING, OF COMPANY B, THE WINNAH!
CONGRATULATIONS KID!
HE'S STILL LOUSY FOR MY DOUGH!
FAKE! FAKE!
LUCKY PUNCH THAT'S ALL I GOTTA SAY!
IT'S NO USE, KAYO THEY'RE STILL AGAINST ME!
NO, CRUMMY, YOU'VE GOT A PAST TO LIVE DOWN, THAT'S ALL!
YOU MEAN THERE'S STILL A CHANCE FOR ME TO BE A POPULAR FIGHTER, LIKE YOU?
ANY FIGHTER WHO'S CLEAN AND FAIR WILL ALWAYS BE POPULAR.
AND YOU'LL ALWAYS BE POPULAR WITH ME!

BENTLEY
of
SCOTLAND YARD
A QUIET COUNTRY LAKE IN ENGLAND IS TURNED TO A SCENE OF PANIC AND CONFUSION, AS A MONSTROUS APPARITION SPLITS THE CALM WATER, TOWERS OVER THE ROWBOAT AND —
HELP
HELP
HELP
THE OCCUPANTS OF THE OVERTURNED BOAT SWIM MADLY FOR SHORE
AND DRAG THEMSELVES OUT HALF DEAD WITH FRIGHT AND EXHAUSTION

WHILE STILL STRUGGLING IN THE LAKE
HELP! HELP! THE MONSTER'S GOT ME!
QUICK! BACK TO THE HOUSE! MAYBE WE CAN GET A ROPE TO THROW TO WADE!
WHILE IN THE HOUSE
SOMERSET SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS JUST HAPPENED!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? FOXLEIGH?
HERE COME YOUR GUESTS NOW. THEY'LL TELL YOU SOON ENOUGH!
IT WAS A TREMENDOUS SEA SERPENT, SOMERSET, AND IT SUCKED POOR WADE UNDER
PSHAW! SHEER IMAGINATION OLD MAN.
I TELL YOU IT'S SO SOMERSET! IT'S NOT OUR IMAGINATION THAT SENT WADE TO THE LAKE BOTTOM
EASY OLD CHAP YOU'RE QUIVERING LIKE A LEAF IF THERE'S ANYTHING TO THIS WEIRD STORY OF YOURS THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN IN ALL ENGLAND WHO CAN TACKLE IT
I KNOW JUST WHO YOU MEAN DAD BENTLEY OF SCOTLAND YARD I'LL GIVE HIM A BUZZ AT ONCE!
HELLO! HELLO! YES THIS IS INSPECTOR BENTLEY!
WHAT'S THAT ARE YOU SURE? I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!

INSPECTOR BENTLEY! YOU CERTAINLY GOT HERE IN A HURRY!
YES! I AM ANXIOUS TO HEAR ABOUT THIS SEA SERPENT BUSINESS
THESE GENTLEMEN, EXCEPT FOR MY NEIGHBOR FOXLEIGH AND MY SON CLAUDE SWEAR THEY SAW IT AND IT EVEN PULLED ONE OF MY GUESTS STANLEY WADE UNDER
YES AND IF WE HADN'T SWUM AS FAST AS WE DID WE WOULD'VE BEEN GONERS
HMM! YOU SEEM POSITIVE ENOUGH! WELL, THE ONLY THING FOR ME TO 'S HAVE A LOOK AT THE LAKE MYSELF
NOW JUST WHERE DID THE SEA SERPENT APPEAR?
DIRECTLY IN THE CENTER OF THE LAKE
LOOK! OVER THERE, A BODY!
IT MUST BE WADE'S CORPSE!
YOU GENTLEMEN WAIT HERE. I'LL GO GET THE BODY.
BE CAREFUL BENTLEY THERE MAYBE SOMETHING TO THIS SERPENT STORY

HERE HE IS. NOW TO PULL HIM TO ME WITH MY OAR -- OOF! THAT DOES IT!
HMM. THAT'S PECULIAR. HARDLY ANY WATER IN HIM AT ALL. BY JOVE HIS EYES HAVE A PECULIAR COLOR!
SUDDENLY, THERE IS A TERRIFIC UPHEAVAL OF THE WATERS WHICH ALMOST PUSHES THE BOAT OVER AND—
GREAT HEAVENS! THE SEA SERPENT!
MY EYES! MY EYES
BENTLEY'S CRAFT OVERTURNS. HE TUMBLES INTO THE CHURNING WATER
AND PLUMMETS TO THE BOTTOM LIKE A STONE.

SOMERSET, IT GOT BENTLEY TOO!
YES, IT.... IT'S HORRIBLE, STONEBROOK...FANTASTIC!
I'LL NOT STAY IN THIS PLACE A MOMENT LONGER. I'LL SELL IT TO FOXLEIGH, IF HE STILL WANTS IT. HELLO.. HERE HE COMES NOW... WONDER WHERE HE'S BEEN?
FOXLEIGH YOU'VE OFTEN ASKED ME TO SELL THIS LAND! WELL, DO YOU STILL WANT IT?
WHAT! AFTER THIS AFFAIR!
IT'S AWFUL, I KNOW BUT YOU CAN HAVE IT AT YOUR OWN PRICE.
HMM...I DONT KNOW... WELL, ALRIGHT. WE'LL DRAW UP THE PAPERS AT ONCE!
THERE WE ARE, FOXLEIGH! I'LL JUST SIGN, AND THIS INFERNAL PLACE IS YOURS, BAG AND BAGGAGE!
JUST A MOMENT, SOMERSET! I WOULDN'T SIGN JUST YET!
BENTLEY
B...BUT, I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!
ALMOST. THOUGHT SO, FOR A MOMENT MYSELF!
BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOR SOMEONE IN THIS VERY ROOM I AM VERY MUCH ALIVE. THERE'S A MURDERER LOOSE HERE... AND I KNOW WHO HE IS!
BENTLEY KNOWS THE MURDERER?
DO YOU? MARK YOUR CHOICE ALONGSIDE THE NAME FROM THE LIST BELOW.
1. SOMERSET
2. FOXLEIGH
3. STONEBROOK
4. CLAUDE
NOW TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE FOR THE SOLUTION!
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FIRST THAT SERPENT IS NOTHING, BUT A CLEVER MECHANICAL DEVICE
BUT.. BUT IT BREATHED! WE SAW IT!
YES IT BREATHED AN INFERNAL DEADLY GAS-PULVERIZING MONOXIDE-SHOT FROM A PIPE LEADING THROUGH THE MOUTH. THATS WHAT KILLED WADE, AND ALMOST GOT ME TOO... I SWAM UNDER-WATER AND FOUND WHERE THAT SERPENT SPRANG FROM... A TRAP DOOR BUILT IN THE LAKE BED
THEN I TRAILED THE WIRES WHICH OPERATED THE TRAP DOOR, AND FOUND IT LED TO YOUR NEIGHBOR FOXLEIGH'S HOME.
PREPOSTEROUS! HOW COULD I BUILD SUCH A DEVICE?
BEING A FORMER ENGINEER, ACCORDING TO SOMERSET, THAT SHOULD BE EASY, FOR YOU FOXLEIGH. AS FURTHER PROOF, I FOUND DIVING EQUIPMENT THAT YOUR NEIGHBOR USED.
B..BUT WHY!
TO MAKE YOU DO WHAT YOU ALMOST DID. SELL YOUR PROPERTY FOR A SONG... FOXLEIGH I ARREST YOU FOR THE MURDER OF WADE.
YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME!
OH YES, HE WILL YOU FIEND!
NICE WORK SOMERSET!
YOUR JIG'S UP, SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL CONFESS FOXLEIGH!
ALL RIGHT BLAST YOU IT'S TRUE... I WOULD'VE TURNED THE TRICK TOO BUT FOR YOUR INFERNAL MEDDLING!
WELL, GOODBYE FOLKS YOU CAN REST EASY. NOW THIS MURDERER WILL GET WHAT'S COMING TO HIM!
MURDERED BY A CORPSE THIS IS THE BIZARRE YARN BENTLEY HAS IN STORE FOR YOU IN NEXT MONTH'S PEP

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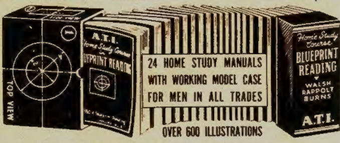

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